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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Effective January 1966, some changes were made in customs districts as shown in the January 1966 edition of Schedule D, Code Classification of United States Customs Districts and Ports Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. The Schedule D revisions which were made effective January 1966 for statistical purposes reflect changes in the Bureau of Customs field service organization occurring, for Customs administrative purposes, during the first six months of 1966. The districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at 2 million dollars or more during the calendar year 1965.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons detailed customs district of lading and country and continent of destination data are not shown in published export statistics for selected commodities, referred to as Special Category commodities. The data for individual customs districts and continents, therefore, exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but over-all shipping weight and value totals for exports of Special Category commodities are included in table 1. Effective January 1965, some changes were made in security restrictions, without a corresponding change in restrictions applying to earlier periods. Therefore, the current customs district and continent totals include data for exports of some commodities which are no longer classified as Special Category commodities beginning in 1965, but which were not included in customs district and continent totals prior to 1965 since they were classified as Special Category commodities at that time. Because of this, and also because of changes in the content of Special Category commodities effective January 1965, the district and continent statistics currently shown in this report are not completely comparable with those for periods prior to 1965. Further information regarding Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 are also included in some of the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1, as footnoted. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The

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following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability on a 2 chances out of 3 basis of value totals. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				
Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:				
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%				
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%				
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%				
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000				
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500				

The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

Effective July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $251 and over. With the exception of the value data shown in the column for "All carriers", the statistics shown in table 2 for value and shipping weight reflect fully compiled data exclusively. The value data shown for "All carriers" represent fully compiled data combined with estimated data for shipments valued $250 or less reported on both formal and informal entries, based on a 1-percent sample of such shipments. (Informal entries, by definition, contain items valued not more than $250.)

Prior to July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflected fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $100 and over. Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 were entirely excluded from the airborne import statistics. Estimated data for informal entry shipments valued $250 or less, based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments, were included in the column showing value data for "All carriers" in table 2, but were excluded from the other statistics in this table.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than three percent while value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1.--SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading[1]	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total		North America[1]	South America[1]	Europe[1]	Asia[1]	Australia and Oceania[1]	Africa[1]	Total		North America[1]	South America[1]	Europe[1]	Asia[1]	Australia and Oceania[1]	Africa[1]
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]45,515	(X)	11,787	6,544	18,132	4,026	559	948	[2]251,025	(X)	37,920	20,344	138,511	33,250	5,733	4,484
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[3]15,572	4,933	1,734	5,708	2,222	121	291	(X)	[3]83,601	14,726	6,754	39,626	15,413	1,117	1,347
Boston, Mass.....	832	366	194	-	619	13	2	4	5,959	2,914	996	-	4,728	80	127	29
Buffalo, N.Y.....	165	158	159	(Z)	6	-	(Z)	-	925	780	782	1	141	-	(Z)	-
New York City, N.Y.....	20,924	7,071	2,558	1,437	14,680	1,397	95	758	147,788	43,025	12,099	7,800	112,056	11,537	774	3,521
Philadelphia, Pa.....	262	92	13	-	207	37	1	4	962	264	65	-	753	106	3	35
Baltimore, Md.....	157	125	6	(Z)	131	16	-	4	1,125	1,002	76	2	1,025	18	-	5
Charleston, S.C.....	84	84	3	2	(Z)	78	-	1	156	156	19	20	4	110	-	3
Savannah, Ga.....	1	1	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	(Z)	28	28	-	-	1	12	-	15
New Orleans, La.....	457	139	400	34	3	17	-	3	1,188	402	916	208	13	42	-	9
Laredo, Tex.....	164	148	106	58	-	-	-	-	500	461	333	167	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	1,214	514	192	37	463	411	100	10	12,185	5,363	709	255	5,582	4,483	1,051	104
San Francisco, Calif...	2,214	1,031	22	28	271	1,544	307	43	19,872	6,096	95	233	3,241	12,682	3,572	49
Portland, Oreg.....	47	47	-	8	39	-	-	-	1,105	1,105	-	209	896	-	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	308	260	186	3	31	87	(Z)	1	1,916	1,501	1,129	36	326	407	(Z)	18
Juneau, Alaska.....	18	8	2	-	8	7	-	-	85	15	2	-	34	48	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	137	77	(Z)	-	4	83	50	-	1,372	610	8	-	45	1,164	155	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	31	31	31	-	-	-	-	-	473	473	473	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N.D.....	72	72	72	-	-	-	-	-	191	191	191	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	125	125	56	-	-	69	-	-	1,248	1,248	207	-	-	1,041	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	262	140	106	-	146	7	1	2	1,093	657	127	-	908	15	17	26
Chicago, Ill.....	2,897	720	1,383	1	1,279	187	3	44	15,416	3,606	7,036	8	7,008	1,138	10	217
Cleveland, Ohio.....	413	11	408	-	1	4	-	-	2,400	46	2,337	-	19	44	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	24	23	8	-	16	-	-	-	462	457	57	-	405	-	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	642	379	467	158	17	-	-	-	846	526	623	214	10	-	-	-
Miami, Fla.....	9,857	2,961	5,086	4,745	25	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	19,374	5,628	8,316	10,995	59	2	(Z)	2
Houston, Tex.....	557	362	215	23	178	65	2	75	3,216	2,263	1,051	139	1,233	320	24	449
All other districts[4]...	3,018	64	114	10	8	(Z)	-	(Z)	5,189	164	273	59	23	2	-	1
Special Category[5].....	633	563	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	5,951	4,618	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. X Not applicable. Z Less than $00 pounds or $$00.

[1]All data shown throughout the table for the individual selected districts and the individual continents exclude shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100.

[3]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities.

[4]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

[5]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.--SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	22,095	(X)	3,140	1,468	12,765	4,467	71	184	164,101	(X)	12,655	4,351	112,794	27,563	921	1,554
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	10,941	1,561	558	5,430	3,291	32	70	(X)	66,797	5,836	2,127	40,993	17,061	384	396
Boston, Mass.....	226	136	49	-	173	4	-	(Z)	1,791	1,088	500	-	1,085	38	-	3
Buffalo, N.Y.....	61	50	57	(Z)	4	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,515	1,063	1,278	3	32	2	-	24
New York City, N.Y.....	12,598	5,320	352	350	10,985	725	9	176	114,802	40,886	2,646	3,038	99,556	5,965	159	1,452
Philadelphia, Pa.....	83	54	2	-	76	6	-	-	764	385	90	-	483	52	-	-
Baltimore, Md.....	121	114	4	-	114	4	-	-	1,228	1,114	228	-	923	16	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	1	(Z)	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	99	72	93	-	6	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	175	135	174	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	-	273	75	102	12	8	58	(Z)	-
Laredo, Tex.....	419	407	418	-	1	-	-	-	228	140	164	-	1	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	1,676	1,245	32	5	211	1,393	35	-	9,592	5,220	197	32	2,185	6,634	215	-
San Francisco, Calif...	1,656	1,072	12	5	131	1,487	20	2	13,535	7,305	457	37	1,854	10,560	353	17
Portland, Oreg.....	6	3	(Z)	-	4	2	-	-	93	31	(Z)	-	37	50	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	532	512	29	(Z)	15	486	1	-	2,440	2,265	401	1	221	1,624	172	-
Juneau, Alaska.....	6	4	2	-	1	2	-	-	40	22	3	-	11	20	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	29	13	7	-	(Z)	16	6	-	219	49	7	-	3	81	12	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	120	120	120	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N.D.....	20	20	1	-	19	-	-	-	42	41	9	-	33	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	16	14	8	-	(Z)	8	-	-	170	74	82	-	2	44	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	421	287	97	-	317	6	-	2	1,006	575	114	-	695	22	-	7
Chicago, Ill.....	1,040	504	208	(Z)	653	176	(Z)	3	10,727	4,007	4,114	1	4,932	1,484	2	35
Cleveland, Ohio.....	76	46	27	-	3	46	-	-	860	489	266	-	32	489	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	1	1	(Z)	-	1	-	-	-	18	6	(Z)	-	7	-	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	313	205	208	81	24	(Z)	-	(Z)	526	182	172	93	177	3	-	1
Miami, Fla.....	2,527	731	1,389	1,016	21	100	-	-	3,439	1,380	1,436	1,102	407	381	-	-
Houston, Tex.....	71	58	51	10	10	1	(Z)	(Z)	330	121	124	32	71	8	8	16
All other districts....	17	7	11	-	1	5	-	-	243	84	51	-	31	33	-	-

- Represents zero. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data for shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated data of shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries which are excluded from all continent data and data for U.S. flag carriers.

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